



Patricia Jursik *Update*

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Please Turn in Petitions to Save the Hoan Bridge by October 14

Thank you for making your voice heard regarding plans to demolish the Hoan Bridge. With over 5,000 signatures gathered so far in support of maintaining the Hoan and many residents emailing or calling the Governor and representatives, I am confident those officials in Madison will listen to the strong support for maintaining this vital connection. If you have not yet signed the petition or would like to gather signatures, please visit www.county.milwaukee.gov/Jursik/SaveTheHoanBridge.htm for a copy.

We are wrapping up this phase of petition gathering and public hearings. You may send petitions by October 14 to Supervisor Patricia Jursik, Courthouse, Room 201, 901 N. 9th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233 or bring them to one of the final meetings of the Coalition to Save the Hoan (please see details below).

You can also express your opinion to the Governor at his local office, 414-227-4344, or governor@wisconsin.gov and to your state legislators, found at www.legis.wisconsin.gov/w3asp/waml/waml.aspx

Coalition to Save the Hoan Bridge Meeting in Oak Creek

If you have not yet attended a town hall meeting, I hope you can join us at a meeting called by Oak Creek Mayor Bolender. Come to the event below to view a presentation, sign the petition, and offer testimony to elected officials.



Coalition to Save the Hoan Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 2009
6:30 p.m.
Oak Creek Community Center
8580 S. Howell Av, Oak Creek, 53154

Recognition of the Importance of the Hoan Grows

Last week, the County Board unanimously passed a resolution calling on WisDOT to get real numbers for the repair and re-decking of the Hoan Bridge and to discontinue planning for alternatives. All 19 Supervisors joined together from every corner of Milwaukee County to support the Hoan Bridge.

Having attended all town hall meetings to date, heard hundreds of speakers on the issue, and received well over 5,000 signatures from citizens asking that the Hoan Bridge be retained and resurfaced, it is an understatement to say that there is overwhelming support for this bridge.

I have received hundreds of calls in support of the Hoan. These contacts stretch from as far away as Madison and Chicago and from businesses in Racine, Washington and Ozaukee Counties, but no one calls to rally for removal of this bridge. The calls for retention of the bridge seem universal.

Elected officials continue to join the Coalition to Save the Hoan due to business and industry leaders stressing the importance of the bridge for the Port of Milwaukee. Even Mayor Tom Barrett's official website touts the Port: "By offering pipelines, barges, lake ships, ocean ships, two main railroads and immediate freeway access, the commercial port of Milwaukee contains more forms of transportation than any other port in the Midwest."

Given all of this support, it is fair to ask where the call for alternatives to the Hoan originated. The logical answer is the DOT. But even DOT Secretary Frank Busalacchi, in a recent meeting with MMAC, stated that he has not taken any position for removal of the Hoan and even promised to begin engineering work to re-deck the bridge. This leaves Alderman Robert Bauman and a few development proponents in the Historic Third Ward. Now the new question becomes who gave these developers carte blanche to dictate such a major policy decision?

Dog Park at Warnimont

The Parks Department is working on plans for a dog exercise area to the southeast of the Kelly Senior Center and west of the Oak Leaf Trail in Warnimont Park. This location is ideal because it has ample parking space and does not interfere with other parks uses. The dog exercise space will coexist alongside trees. This semi-wooded area has a history of illicit activity as witnessed by the Sheriff's Department and Cudahy Police. One of the best ways to clean up an area is to bring the public into the park for full usage. I am proud of the fact that this project is moving forward and I believe it will benefit most residents of Cudahy, whether or not they are dog owners.

Employee Contracts and Milwaukee County's Fiscal Situation

At its meeting on September 24, the County Board addressed the County's tentative agreements with unions. Most divisive was the agreement with AFSCME District Council 48. I was one of eight votes successful in laying this item over until the next meeting. The agreement, as written, would have given up management rights. Management should concede these rights with great care and only if employees decide to make highly significant concessions.

I respect the bargaining process and take very seriously my role to bargain fairly. In my management role as a member of the County Board and the Committee on Finance and Audit, I attended meetings and looked very seriously at the results of negotiations between the County and the workers.

Milwaukee County faces a dire fiscal situation, according to our five-year projections. We should not tie our hands in our ability to recover from deep deficits. I do not look forward to the difficult process ahead, but am prepared to make tough decisions.

I am working with colleagues and experts in the community to better prepare for the long-term by planning strategically.

College Avenue and Airport Improvements

I am pleased that our County has won \$6.3 million in stimulus funds to help finance the Runway Safety Area project at General Mitchell International Airport. Money collected through fees to airport users will fund the rest of the project. This improvement will bring our airport into compliance with new federal safety standards.

East College Avenue has been closed to construct a temporary bypass road. College Avenue will re-open to traffic on Monday, October 5. Traffic will use the bypass road until May 2010 during construction of the 640-foot Runway Safety Area tunnel.

I look forward to the reconstruction and widening of College Ave from two lanes to four by the Department of Transportation and Public Works, a process scheduled for May through December 2010. During this time, College Avenue will again be closed. Once the widening of College Avenue is finished in December 2010, traffic will again be able to use the College Avenue bypass road until the tunnel is completed.

Community Calendar

Thursday, October 1 – Last South Milwaukee Downtown Market of the Season, 3-7pm
At 11th and Milwaukee Avenues, downtown South Milwaukee. www.SMDowntownMarket.org

Thursday, October 1 – Music Under Glass, 6:30pm
Eddie Butts (Jazz, Pop, and R&B). At The Domes. 649-9830
www.county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm

Friday, October 2 – “Fast Paced Fridays” at Oakwood Golf Course
At 3600 W. Oakwood Rd., Franklin. Golf 18 holes at Milwaukee’s longest course with a chance to win a pair of Brewer’s tickets each week. Normal rates apply. Make your reservation at countyparks.com or 475-6222.

Saturday, October 3 – Garlic Mustard Pickers play at the Carlton Grange, 5-8pm
3807 S. Packard Avenue, St. Francis <http://thegarlicmustardpickers.org>

Sunday, October 4 – Cider Sunday at Wehr Nature Center, 11am-5pm
Sip free apple cider; observe cider and apple butter production; take a nature hike; and enjoy live music. Children can make crafts. Food available for purchase. Admission \$1, those under age 2 enter free. Parking \$3. Proceeds benefit the center and Friends of Wehr. At 9701 W. College Av., Franklin. 425-8550 or friendsofwehr.org

Thursday, October 8 – Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm
At Grant Park Clubhouse (100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee). 764-0612

Saturday, October 10 – Watercourse Cleanup, 8am-Noon
Bring tall boots or waders if you have them. Friends of Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse Inc. will provide safety vests, bags, water, and vinyl gloves. Meet at South Milwaukee High School Parking lot - North end at 8am. We will target from North Chicago Av. west to Rawson Av. Any questions please contact Nancy at 571-1191 and leave message.

Saturday, October 10 – Weed-Out in Sheridan Park, 9am to Noon
Gloves, clippers, handsaws and herbicides will be provided. Help remove weeds that crowd out diverse vegetation along the southern bluffs of Sheridan Park! Wear long pants and shoes or boots to avoid thorns. At the SOUTHERN end of Sheridan (follow Pulaski Avenue toward Lake Michigan, then travel south to the parking lot by the Warnimont Golf Course and gun club). 278-4231

Tuesday, October 13 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm
At Marquette Manor (2409 10th Av, South Milwaukee). 571-1191

Wednesday, October 14 – Coalition to Save the Hoan Town Hall Meeting, 6:30pm

Sign the petition, learn about the bridge, and offer brief testimony to elected officials. At Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Av, Oak Creek. Contact 278-4231

Friday, October 16 – South Milwaukee Library Foundation Wine Tasting Fundraiser, 7-9:30pm

Learn about wine while you sample and enjoy music by the Garlic Mustard Pickers. Purchase tickets for \$20 each at the South Milwaukee Public Library, Parkway Floral, M&I Bank, or at the door on the evening of the tasting. At 1907 10th Ave, South Milwaukee. 768-8195

Saturday, October 17 – Kelly Senior Center Rummage Sale, 8am-1pm

Baked goods and refreshments available for purchase. All proceeds benefit programming at the Kelly Center. At 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy. 481-9611

Saturday, October 17 – Wild Ones Natural Landscaping Conference, “Natural Landscaping with Native Plants”

Register at 299-9888, x3 or online at www.for-wild.org/conference/2009/Web%20Conference.pdf

Saturday, October 17 – Buckthorn Weed-Out in Grant Park, 9am or 1pm session

Help clear buckthorn (for those age 18+). Meet at Picnic Area 1 parking lot (near tennis courts) in Grant Park. Don Lawson 764-0612

Saturday, October 17, 4-6:30pm – South Milwaukee Lions Annual Chili Dinner

In benefit of Human/Project Concerns, Interfaiths, and Lions Foundation. Purchase tickets at door or from a Lion. At the Grobschmidt Senior Center, 2424 15th Av, South Milwaukee.

Tuesday, October 20 – Grant Park “Park Watch” meeting, 7pm

In art room at Wil O Way in Grant Park, 207 Lake Dr, South Milwaukee. 764-7262

Thursday, October 22 – Wisconsin Warrior Summit, 8:30am-4pm

Learn about the needs of veterans and their families and treatment and programs to support them. At Milwaukee County War Memorial, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr., # 315, Milwaukee. Information and registration at www.wiwarriorproject.org or 276-3122

October 23 – Harvest Tasting by Friends of Cudahy Family Library, 7-10pm

Wine, hors d’oeuvres, and entertainment. After hours at the Library, 3500 Library Dr., Cudahy. Tickets \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. For ticket information, contact Director Rebecca Roepke at 769-2244.

Friday, October 23 – South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center Fall Gala, 6pm

Includes wine tasting, silent auction, and dinner. At Ramada Inn, 6331 S. 13th St. Reserve your \$40 ticket by October 15 by calling 766-5049. www.southmilwaukeekeepac.org/fundraising.html#Panera

Thursday, October 29 – Milwaukee County Federated Library System (MCFLS) Board Listening Session, 6:30pm

(Sup. Jursik is a member of this board) This event will give libraries a chance to present local issues to the MCFLS board at new Greenfield Library, 5310 W. Layton Av., Greenfield.

Trick or Treat: Sunday, October 25 – City of South Milwaukee, 2-4pm

City of Oak Creek, 2-4pm

Saturday, October 31 – City of Cudahy, 1-3pm

City of St. Francis, 2-4pm

Save the Date!

Saturday, November 7 – Starry Night fundraiser, 6-11pm

Elegant dinner, auction, live entertainment, and dancing with the stars. A benefit to restore the Mill Pond area. Details: www.southmilwaukee.org/millpond/Starry%20Night1.htm or 571-1191